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- (1) "Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal" dated September 6, 2005 and issued by the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-287474, together with an English-language translation thereof;

The following document is cited in reference (1) above:

- (2) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2003-123162 (NORITZ CORP), published April 25, 2003, together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof.

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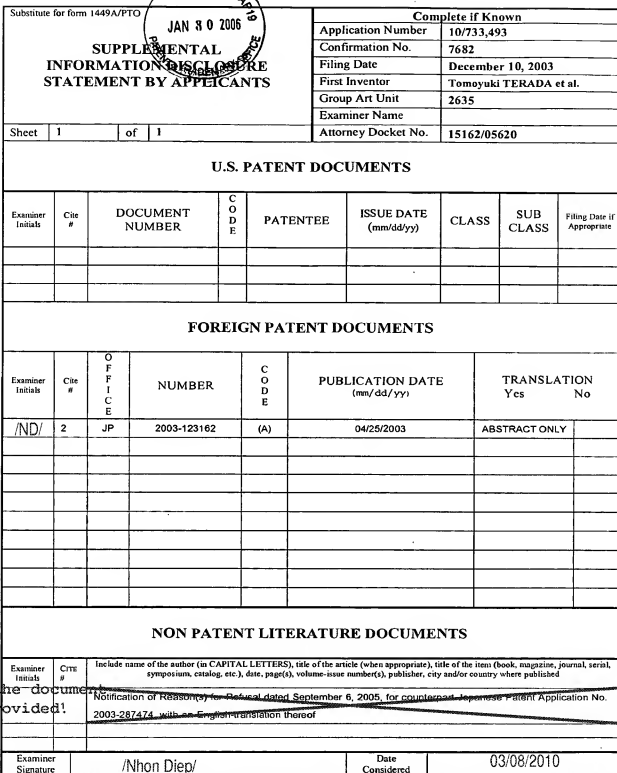
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